GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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REDUCTION OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to reduce the number of Centrally Sponsored Rural Development Schemes in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNA SAHEB M.K.PATIL)

(a) & (b) On the basis of the suggestions made by the Planning Commission, the Ministry of Rural Development has undertaken a Zero Based Budgeting exercise after which the National Family Benefit Secheme(NFBS), National Old Age pensior Scheme(NOAPS) and Annapurna Scheme were transferred to the State GovernmentsThe various Training Schemes have been merged into one. With effect from September, 2001, the Employment Assurance Scheme(EAS) and Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana(JGSY) have been restructured into a single wage employment Scheme, viz., Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana(SGRY). The Zero Based Budgeting exercise was undertaken for better management and effective use of plan resources, besides meeting the specific objectives of development of rural areas and poverty alleviation.